

EATHER TODAY
Fair Saturday followed by
interior Saturday night
somewhat warmer in
Sunday.

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PRICE THREE CENTS

MINERS OPERATORS

Force High Prices
by Restricting
Production Alleged

THREE YEARS

Is Result of 18
Continuous Investiga-
f the Industry

Ind., Feb. 25. — Coal
operators and
mines to force high
prices by restricting
production today by a
general strike in
Indiana, including 127 oper-
ators and 99 operators' as-
sociates, were accused
of violating the Sherman
act. The defendants live
in Indiana, Kentucky, Ken-
dall, Pennsylvania, and
Ohio, who received
set May 3 for arraig-
ing capias for ar-
rests. He fixed the
at \$10,000.

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erators including Thor-
r, Edward C. Stables,
Phil Penna and Wil-
ugh, and high officials
Mines Workers' union,
sident, John L. Lewis,
William Green are
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was among the cor-
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tion market prices
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FIGHTING CHAPLAIN QUELLS NEAR RIOT

Father Duffy Comes to Rescue of
English War Lecturer During
His Talk in Carnegie Hall

New York, Feb. 25. — Rev. Francis
P. Duffy, chaplain of the famous Irish
overseas regiment, "The Fighting Six-
ty-Ninth," tonight quelled a distur-
bance started by Irish sympathizers in
Carnegie hall, during a lecture by Sir
Philip Gibbs, English war correspond-
ent. Sir Philip had chosen for his
subject, "The Situation in Ireland; Past,
Present and Future."

The disturbance which was the
third of its kind in the last two weeks,
occurred while the speaker was com-
paring the flourishing condition of Ire-
land in 1915 to conditions 50 years
ago. A woman in the top of the gal-
lery screamed something about
"Black and Tans" and the noise be-
came general.

Father Duffy rose from his seat in
the audience and took the stage after
the shouting and cat calling had been
going on for about five minutes. In
the meantime Sir Philip stood calmly
waiting for quiet. The army chaplain
described himself as a "confessed Sinn
Feiner," but said that if he wanted to
stimulate British propaganda he
would hire someone to break up his
meetings. Those affecting Irish accent
in the galleries, he said, must be
British propagandists. He asked that
he be allowed to hear the completion
of the address.

Order was restored within 10 min-
utes and Sir Philip resumed his lec-
ture.

The speaker told those who had
jeered him that "what you are doing
now is doing no good to your cause, it
merely proves you to be very silly
people."

There were frequent interruptions
from the galleries after Sir Philip had
started talking again, but they were
drowned by applause.

MATTEWAN BATTLE TRIAL SENSATIONAL

Detective Who Established Himself
as Restaurant Keeper Makes
Pertinent Disclosures

Williamson, W. Va., Feb. 25. — Testi-
mony of a sensational nature marked
today's proceedings in the Mattewan
battle trial. C. E. Lively of the Bal-
dwin-Felts secret service department
testified that he established himself as
a restaurant keeper at Mattewan about
a month after the fight occurred.

It was his purpose, he said, to gain
the confidence of men alleged to have
been implicated in the fight between
Baldwin-Felts detectives and citizens
last May in which 16 men were killed.
Sid Hatfield, chief of police of Mat-
tewan and one of the defendants, told
him, Lively said, that he killed A. C.
Felts as he stood in front of the hard-
ware store talking to Mayor C. C. Tes-
terman. Hatfield also said, according
to the witness, that he had killed May-
or Testerman because he was getting
in too well with the Baldwin-Felts
men.

In a conversation with Hatfield,
Lively told the jury, he asked Sid if
he was married and the latter replied
"no, and a poor chance to get mar-
ried," because another man had the
woman he wanted.

"I'll have her if I have to wade
through hell to get her," Hatfield told
him, Lively said. Prior to making this
statement, counsel for the prosecution
asked if Hatfield had ever told the
witness that Mayor Testerman had
something that S. S. wanted.

"Not quite," he never did," the
witness replied. "But he did once say
something that led me to believe in my
mind that he did have something
he wanted."

When state counsel asked "what was
it," the defense objected and
was sustained.

Shortly after the battle at Mat-
tewan, Sid Hatfield and Mrs. Testerman,
widow of the mayor who was killed
during the fight, were married at
Huntington.

THREATENS THOSE PLEADING GUILTY

Escape With Fine for Those Caught
In "Building Trust" Investi-
gation, is Tabooed

New York, Feb. 25. — An announce-
ment that hereafter no pleas of guilty
would be accepted from individuals
under indictment on charges growing
out of the "Building Trust" investi-
gation, with the understanding that
guilty persons would be let off with a fine,
was made here tonight by Deputy At-
torney General Bergin.

Mr. Bergin, who has full charge of
criminal prosecutions growing out of
the investigations, said he would press
for a jail sentence for every confessed
offender.

Coincident with this statement,
John F. Murphy, president of the Mas-
ter Plumbers, appeared before Justice
McAvoy and withdrew his plea of not
guilty. He then pleaded guilty, but
sentence was deferred until cases
against other master plumbers—close
to 50—have been disposed of. Mur-
phy is charged with violation of the
Denolly anti-trust act.

ADOPT NEW LIQUOR ACT.
Quebec, Feb. 25. — The Quebec
legislature today transfers the handling
of all wines and spirits to the pro-
vincial government before law today.
The act is effective May 1.

HARDING GRANTS HOOVER'S PLANS

Formal Selection of Former Food
Administrator For Cabinet Post
Is Announced

VIEWS ARE IN ACCORD

Proposed Reorganization of De-
partment Coincides With Senti-
ments of President-Elect

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 25. — Formal
selection of Herbert C. Hoover to be
secretary of commerce, was an-
nounced by President-Elect Harding
here today as the culmination of an
interestingly interesting process, now-
mentarily overshadowed every other
feature of the cabinet situation.

Mr. Harding said that the condi-
tions on which the former food admin-
istrator accepted the post had been
found entirely satisfactory and that
the incident could be regarded as closed.
He expressed confidence that his
chosen head of the commerce depart-
ment would prove a willing member
of the official family of the coming ad-
ministration.

Under questioning, the President-
Elect added that he did not regard the
conditions laid down as "stipulations"
and could not consider the case as dif-
ferent from others in which prospec-
tive appointees had discussed definite
policies with him before accepting. He
said he not only approved the depart-
mental reorganization plan submitted
by Mr. Hoover as a condition of ac-
ceptance, but had found himself in
"perfect accord" with it.

Particular attention has been at-
tracted to the negotiations between the
two men because it has been well
known Mr. Hoover has been the first
storm center in the cabinet list.
Strong pressure for his appointment
was brought to bear from various
quarters, and adverse recommendations
also came in from many Republicans
throughout the country.

He was conspicuous politically for
his support of the League of Nations
and for his approval of President Wil-
son's plea for the election of a Demo-
cratic congress in 1918.

Coincident with his announcement
of the Hoover selection, Mr. Harding
personally confirmed for the first time
that he contemplated the appointment
of Herbert Wallace of Des Moines, Iowa,
as secretary of agriculture. The se-
lection of Mr. Wallace, who is an ed-
itor of farm publications, has been gen-
erally known for several weeks, but
hitherto the President-Elect has de-
clined to discuss it.

Harding For Navy Program.

Washington, Feb. 25. — (By the
Associated Press). — The influence
of President-Elect Harding today was
thrown behind the big navy program
of the senate naval affairs committee
majority and against the stand of the
house for decreased appropriations for
the naval establishment.

The views of the President-Elect
were set forth in a letter received by
a prominent senate Republican and
quickly reached the party rank and
file in both senate and house. Party
leaders promptly predicted that Mr.
Harding's letter would have potent in-
fluence in the forthcoming contest in
the senate over the naval appropriations.

The President-Elect, in his letter, it
was said, authoritatively expressed
himself as desiring a continuation of
the present naval building program
without substantial reduction. No ref-
erence was made by Mr. Harding
in his letter, it was stated, to the dis-
armament proposal of Senator Borah,
Republican, Idaho.

WILLIAMS ACCUSES PITTSBURG BANKERS

Misunderstanding Regarding Cer-
tain Data Called for in Bank
Report, Causes Controversy

Washington, Feb. 25. — The Pitts-
burgh Clearing House association was
accused by Comptroller Williams of
the treasury today of having forbid-
den its member banks to furnish data
asked for in the national bank call
issued yesterday by the comptroller.

Several items not heretofore given
on the face of the reports was requested
in the current call the comptroller
explained. These items, he said, in-
cluded a statement of the amount
of money which was being loaned on
bond and stock collateral in New York
city; a statement showing the aggre-
gate amount of salaries paid to the
executive officers of banks and the
number of such officers; and the
amount of salaries paid all other em-
ployees of the bank and the number
of such employees.

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med tonight that Comptroller of the
Currency Williams had accused the
Pittsburgh Clearing House association
of having forbidden member banks to
furnish data in connection with yes-
terday's bank call, John R. MacCune,
president of the association, said to-
night that the information asked by
the comptroller was being given.

"At a meeting of the association
yesterday," said Mr. MacCune, "we
decided on advice of counsel to send
the salaries of bank officers to which
newspapers are entitled to be paid. This
information is given to the comp-
troller but is not incorporated in bank
statements for publication. We be-
lieve we are right in our position."

MACROOM IS SCENE OF BIGGEST FIGHT

Three Hundred Men in Attacking
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FRAUD CHARGE OUSTS M'LANE

Scranton Democrat Member of
House Is Unseated, and Repub-
lican Put in His Place

LIKE NEWBERRY CASE

John B. Farr, Also a Scranton Man,
Will Serve in M'Lane's Seat
Six Remaining Days

Washington, Feb. 25. — Patrick Mc-
Lane of Scranton, Democrat repre-
sentative from the 16th Pennsylvania
district, was unseated by the house
last night on charges of violating
the corrupt practices act and because
of election frauds.

Immediately after taking the roll-
call, the house adopted a report by
the committee of elections declaring
John B. Farr, Republican, also of
Scranton, duly elected and entitled to
McLane's seat. The vote to unseat
McLane was 161 to 121.

Hacked by Brewers.
Charges by the committee that
McLane through the house into an in-
tensely bitter struggle. The commit-
tee held McLane could be unseated for
violating the corrupt practices act
and because of wholesale election
frauds. Its